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215. A portable utilization device according to claim 212, with said battery system being responsive to a command message to transmit to said computer processing circuitry requested information relating to battery parameters.

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216. A portable utilization device according to claim 211, with said battery system being operative to notify said computer processing circuitry when the battery is removed from said computer housing.

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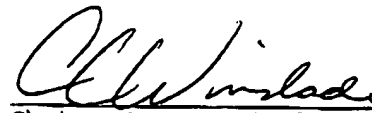
REMARKS

As requested by the Examiner, Applicant has renumbered claims 170-189 submitted in Applicant's June 20, 1997 preliminary amendment as claims 197-216 to be consistent with the numbering of claims in the parent case, Serial No. 08/561,665. Claims 49-196 of the parent case have been cancelled and claims 197-216 are now pending.

Applicant also submits herewith a terminal disclaimer as requested by the Examiner.

Applicant believes that claims 197-216 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (312) 707-8889.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.



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